

Another Kind of Black Gold

:30 second Radio PSA

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“The South Shore Recycling Cooperative wants to teach you an amazing trick! To turn nearly half of your trash into greener, healthier plants, you can put your leaves, grass clippings and many kitchen scraps in a backyard pile to make compost.

The Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection bans leaves and grass clippings from the trash because they're too good to trash! So most towns in our area provide special curbside collections or a drop off compost site for residents' yard waste.

But if you have a little space in your yard, it's just as easy to pile it up, wet it down and compost it yourself! And if you throw in your plant- derived kitchen scraps like apple cores, coffee grounds, and past their prime potatoes, you'll get even richer fertilizer. Cover them with leaves, or used paper towels. With some water and an occasional stir, in about 6 months magic soil critters will transform your leaves and leftovers into black gold that your plants will love. They'll grow stronger and healthier, without poison pesticides or chemical fertilizers.

Several towns in our area offer low cost compost bins, or you can build your own. For more information, go to ssrc.info [OR INSERT TOWN INFO].”